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Sent: Mon 2/22/2016 5:26:17 PM
Subject: FW: CBS NEWS - EXIDE CLEANUP

Bill,

Got your phone message about Exide. Here is the response that I sent to Susan Helvenston of CBS News. Her primary question was how does the cost of Exide compare to other cleanups. Happy to talk more about this, if needed. Thanks, George

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Ms. Helvenston,

I'm responding to your inquiry regarding comparative cost of the Exide Battery Plant cleanup. Please find our response below. This can be attributed to an EPA Spokesperson, if you require attribution. I hope you find this information to be helpful. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

George Hull

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Site cleanups are determined taking into consideration site specific conditions and applicable

federal, state and local regulations. As such, the requirements that apply to a site in one part of the country, may not apply to a site in a different part of the country, which in turn impacts the comparative cost of cleanup. Since the Exide cleanup is being led by the State of California, we recommend that you consult with the state on the question of comparative cost.

With the above stated caveats, EPA's Superfund program has cleaned up lead contaminated soils from more than 13,000 properties in proximity to the Omaha Lead Superfund site in Omaha, Nebraska. Approximately \$309 million has been spent at this site to date.

From: Helvenston, Susan
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Importance: High

Hi Robert,

Thanks so much for your help with this –

For broadcast tonight we are doing a piece on the Exide Battery Plant cleanup proposal Governor Brown announced today

Our anchor is curious where this figure ranks among other major chemical disaster cleanups. I don't know that it compares to something like the BP Oil spill, but we're trying to put this \$176 million into perspective among similar disasters.

Is this considered a lot? Is this relatively comparable to others?

Any information you have available is a huge help!

Thanks so much for your time,

Susan Helvenston

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